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U.S. App. No: 10/784,980**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-13 as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:

- 1). (Currently amended) A process for producing an L-amino acid, which comprises cultivating the L-amino acid-producing bacterium in a culture medium resulting in production of the L-amino acid, and collecting the L-amino acid from the culture medium, wherein the culture medium contains a mixture of glucose and pentose sugars at a ratio of 10:0.5-50.
- 2). (Currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the pentose sugars are selected from the group consisting of arabinose and xylose.
- 3). (Original) The process according to claim 2, wherein the mixture of sugars is a feedstock mixture of sugars obtained from cellulosic biomass.
- 4). (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the L-amino acid-producing bacterium is the bacterium belonging to the genus *Escherichia*.
- 5). (currently amended) The process according to claim 4, wherein the L-amino acid-producing bacterium is modified to have an increased rate of pentose sugars utilization.
- 6). (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the L-amino acid is L-isoleucine.
- 7). (Original) The process according to claim 6, wherein the bacterium has enhanced expression of genes for L-isoleucine biosynthesis.
- 8). (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the L-amino acid is L-histidine.
- 9). (Original) The process according to claim 8, wherein the bacterium has enhanced expression of genes for L-histidine biosynthesis.
- 10). (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the L-amino acid is L-threonine.

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11). (Original) The process according to claim 10, wherein the bacterium has enhanced expression of genes for L-threonine biosynthesis.

12). (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the L-amino acid is L-tryptophan.

13). (Original) The process according to claim 12, wherein the bacterium has enhanced expression of genes for L-tryptophan biosynthesis.